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#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 5, please amend the Figure legend in paragraph 5 as follows:

--Figure 5 is a graphical representation of the effect of leptin on osteoclastogenesis in purified CD14+ cells. CD14+ cells were positively selected from unfractionated PBMCs using anti-CD14 antibody labeled immunomagnetic beads and cultured on bone slices for 3 weeks in the presence of M-CSF (25 ng/ml) and ODF (40 ng/ml) with (Figure 5A) and without (Figure 5B) leptin 1.5 Fg/ml.